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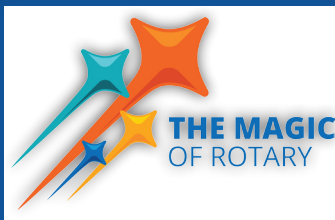


LA JOLLA GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROTARY CLUB'S NEWSLETTER

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## HELICE "GRANDMA SPARKY" BRIDGES



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District 5340 Governor 2024-25  
**DIANNE CRAWFORD**

LJGT Rotary President 2024-25  
**LUKE ERVIN**



## AOS MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

1st Friday of the Month.....Community Services Committee  
(follows club meeting)

2nd Friday of the Month..... International Services Committee  
(follows club meeting)

3rd Friday of the Month..... Youth Services Committee  
(follows club meeting)

4th Friday of the Month.....Peace Committee  
(follows club meeting)



## WHO I AM MAKES A DIFFERENCE®...UPLIFTING AND UNITING HUMANITY IN 60 SECONDS OR LESS.

Many people want to save the world, this is one woman who actually is. Helice "Grandma Sparky" is an enlightened master of unconditional love. Jack Canfield, co-author of Chicken Soup for the Soul book series says "Helice is a cross between Martin Luther King, Lucille Ball, and Gandhi". As creator of the world famous "Who I Am Makes A Difference®" Blue Ribbon Ceremony and Standing Strong Together™ Community Building Leadership Training work for youth and adults she has impacted over 50 million people worldwide, ending conflict, stopping violence, enhancing health and vitality, saving lives, and making dreams come true in 60 seconds or less.

In 2023 Discover Magazine acknowledged her as one of the San Diego Power Women. She is the recipient of the TKF Gandhi Non-Violence Award, Speak for Success Women Changing the World, and the International Women's Day Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2022 her Blue Ribbon Cities project was placed in the Congressional Record by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Helice has spoken at the Environment Earth Summit following Vice President Al Gore and the Dalai Lama. In 2022, she was featured in Forbes Magazine. Grandma Sparky is an author, speaker, trainer, mentor to youth and adult leaders of leaders, storyteller, entertainer, community builder, writer of musical plays, and most importantly a children's advocate.

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# REPORT

from the last meeting



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS



2025

FEBRUARY - SPEAKER

21.....Dr. Danielle Haulsee & Don Kent  
Hubbs-SeaWorld  
Protecting ocean health in Southern  
California - issues and solutions

The La Jolla Gold Triangle Rotary Club meeting featured **Janine Pack's** 50th wedding anniversary tribute, highlighting her family's travels and the impact of her late daughter-in-law, Mari, who was a prominent environmental lawyer.

**Dr. Darren Kew**, the new dean of the Kroc School of Peace Studies at USD, discussed the school's programs, including master's in peace and justice, conflict management, social innovation, and humanitarian action. He emphasized the importance of private sector engagement in peacebuilding and the school's efforts to scale up impact. The meeting concluded with announcements about upcoming events and service projects.

### Action Items

- Sign up to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House on February 11th.
- Sign up for the Love Your Wetlands Day cleanup project on February 4th.

### Outline

Janine Pack's Introduction and Personal Anecdotes

- President Luke introduces Janine Pack as a dynamic member and welcomes her to the meeting.
- Janine shares a quote by Albert Einstein about achieving peace through understanding.
- Janine Pack talks about her 50th wedding anniversary celebration at the Wayfarers Chapel in Palos Verdes Peninsula.
- She reminisces about the foggy day of her wedding and the subsequent removal of the chapel due to bluff erosion.
- Janine describes the 50th anniversary celebration at Pacifica Del Mar, highlighting the sunny day and family gatherings.

### Family Trivia and Memories

- Janine shares trivia about 1973, including the best-selling book and Super Bowl champions.
- She mentions the first time women were allowed to serve on a jury in all 50 states.
- Janine talks about the World Trade Center being officially opened in New York City.
- Janine discusses the family's return to Japan for Christmas, including traditional Japanese foods and a visit

to a toto Museum.

### Tribute to Mari and Family Activities

- Janine pays tribute to her late daughter-in-law, Mari, who was fluent in English and had a doctorate in environmental law.
- She describes Mari's love for champagne and potato chips and her role in the family as a translator.
- Janine shares the Buddhist tradition of honoring Mari with a shrine and celebrating her with champagne.
- She mentions the use of Google Translate after Mari's death to facilitate communication.
- Janine talks about the family's Christmas celebration in Japan, including a traditional dinner and gifts.

### Rotary Announcements and Upcoming Events

President Luke introduces guests and Rotarians joining the meeting via Zoom, including **Eric Mjoen, Jay Hatfield**, and others.

- **Brett** announces the need for volunteers for the Ronald McDonald House on February 11th, including serving food and making Valentine's Day cards.
- We were reminded of the Love Your Wetlands Day cleanup project on February 10th.
- **Jim Davies** discusses a project for Rotarians at Work Day on April 26th, involving painting junior equestrian stables at a military base.
- **President Luke** introduces a high-five segment, where members share personal anecdotes and achievements.
- **Rich** shares his high-five stories, including collecting paper and dealing with a grotesque eye.

### Introduction of Dr. Darren Kew and Kroc School Overview

- **Cynthia Willis** introduces Dr. Darren Kew, the third dean of the Kroc School of Peace Studies, and his extensive background in conflict resolution and human rights.
- Dr. Kew thanks the Rotary Club and provides a brief overview of his background and work in West Africa and Northern Ireland.
- He discusses the educational environment at the Kroc School, including four master's programs and a joint law degree.
- Dr. Kew highlights the importance

of skills orientation in peace studies and the connection between the private sector and peace building.

- He mentions the Kroc Institute's programs, including the Women Peacemakers Program and the Cross Border Conflict Program.

Vision for the Kroc School and Community Engagement

- Dr. Kew outlines his vision for the Kroc School, including the importance of local community engagement and the connection with the private sector.
- He discusses the growth of the Master's in Social Innovation program and the potential for new programs in healthcare leadership and security studies.
- Dr. Kew emphasizes the need for peace education and the importance of scaling up impact in peace building.
- He invites feedback and suggestions from the Rotary Club members to strengthen the partnership and support the Kroc School's mission.
- Dr. Kew concludes his presentation by expressing gratitude for the Rotary Club's support and highlighting the importance of continued collaboration.

### Q&A Session and Closing Remarks

- Dr. Kew is asked about his interest in peace and justice, and he shares his personal experiences in Japan and Tiananmen Square.
- A new member inquires about career paths for graduates of peace studies programs, and Dr. Kew discusses the growing interest in hybrid degrees and corporate social responsibility.
- Dr. Kew is asked about the requirements for applying to the Graduate Diploma Program in Healthcare Leadership, and explains the application process.
- Steve asked about concerns about the decline of peace programs and Dr. Hu attributes it to shifting paradigms and the need for better job arguments.
- Dr. Kew is presented with a certificate of achievement and parting gifts from the Rotary Club.
- **President Luke** concludes the meeting with a trivia question about Groundhog Day and announces the location of the VA dinner meeting at the Chick-fil-A.

~Reporter

*Tim Fronczek*



# PHOTOS FROM LAST MEETING




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## LJGT ROTARY LEADERSHIP 2024 - 2025

PRESIDENT ..... Luke Ervin  
VICE PRESIDENT ..... Christy White Brook  
PRESIDENT ELECT (2025-26) ..... David Chong  
PRESIDENT ELECT NOMINEE (2026-27) ..... Jan Percival  
TREASURER ..... Sharon Council  
SECRETARY ..... Sandi Rimer  
PAST-PRESIDENT ..... Christy White Brook

## ROTARIAN OF THE DAY



**FARY MOINI**

She holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Tehran, Iran. Earlier in her career, she held the position of Chief Nurse at Iranian Medical Center in Dubai, UAE. As Chief Nurse, she managed a staff of over two hundred fifty nurses and technicians at two hospitals.

She was Rotary International's representative to the U.S. National Commission to UNESCO. 2005-2010

Fary was a Rotary Foundation Volunteer at the Don Bosco Boys School in Nairobi, Kenya. July 2005

She volunteered with the Rotary Foundation in Peshawar Pakistan working in 2 refugee camps. January 2002

Fary volunteered with the Rotary Foundation in Jalalabad Afghanistan. November 2002 to present. Traveled 26 times to Afghanistan.

Assisted in sending children with heart disease to India, and Israel for surgery and took care of one child for 3 months in Israel.

Arranged & assisted the visit & meeting between the Afghan Ambassador H.E. Tahir Qadiry & Chairman of Sanjeevani Pediatric Cardiac Center in India on July 28, 2018

Team leader of "Vocational Training Team" to Adana Turkey and Tel Aviv Israel. Nov. 2015

A member of the medical "Vocational Training Team" (VTT) to Gondar Ethiopia. Feb. 2015- May, 2017

Team leader of a medical team to Kabul Afghanistan for training of 13 OB/GYNs for Cervical cancer diagnosis & Treatment. 2018

### Fary is the recipient of numerous awards including

Recognition by the White House, champion of change.

The Lifetime Channel's Lifetime Achievement Award – Hometown Hero.

San Diego Magazine's One of Fifty People to Watch in San Diego.

The Lt. Governor of California and Soroptimist International of Rancho Bernardo Award.

Shelter Island Rotary Club Peacemaker of the Year Award.

Hands of Peace recipient of Peace Maker Award of the Year.

Recognition Award by Salvation Army "Women of Dedication".

Recipient of Proclamation Award from The mayor of San Diego City.



## FEBRUARY 2025

February 21 - Jim Frost

February 28 - Marty Rosenstein

## MARCH 2025

March 7 - Dianne Day



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